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T. F. Hough, Esq.,—O. J. Lawrence, Esq., Hongkong, July 23, 1911. 1424

AFTER THREE CENTURIES.

A remarkable story appears in a Paris contemporary of the discovery of the black pearl necklace of Mary Queen of Scots, which disappeared on the 8th February, 1517. We give the story as we find it, says *The Globe*. A lady cyclist had a mishap with the cord of her bicycle while touring in an obscure town in Scotland. The lady pulled up at the general shop and tried to replace the cord. The shopkeeper, not having a suitable cord, told the lady he would take the wire from an old necklace which he showed her. She being struck with it, said she would buy it at the price asked, 12s. 6d.—and do as best she could for a cord. On reaching her lodgings the lady cleaned the pearls, and was struck with their beauty.

The lady's next procedure was to submit the necklace to an expert jeweller, who pronounced the pearls to be of very great value; and the Paris contemporary from which we have taken the story says they are worth at least £15,000, adding that on the day of the execution the unfortunate Queen of Scotland divided among her women who attended her ornaments and jewels, including the necklace of black pearls. How it passed into the hands of the ancestors of the shopkeeper, we are told, is a mystery, and so seems the whole story to us.

THE WICKHAM TESTIMONIAL.

The Rubber Growers' Association, at a banquet in London on July 7, presented Mr. Henry Wickham with an address, a cheque for a thousand guineas and an annuity in recognition of his introduction of Para rubber into Ceylon. Sir John Anderson, who was among the guests, in proposing the toast of the rubber industry, said Brazil was fully alive to the probabilities of plantation rubber. Those who suggested that the price of rubber would fall so low as to make indigenous rubber unmarketable omitted to take the manufacturers into account.—*Strait Times*.

The Queen sent £10 towards defraying the cost of the Coronation festivities at Kingston Vale, Surrey, and in a letter enclosing the cheque her Majesty wished the inhabitants to know that she had not forgotten her childhood days when she attended the little village church there, to which she used to drive with her mother, the late Duchess of Teck, when residing at White Lodge, Richmond Park.

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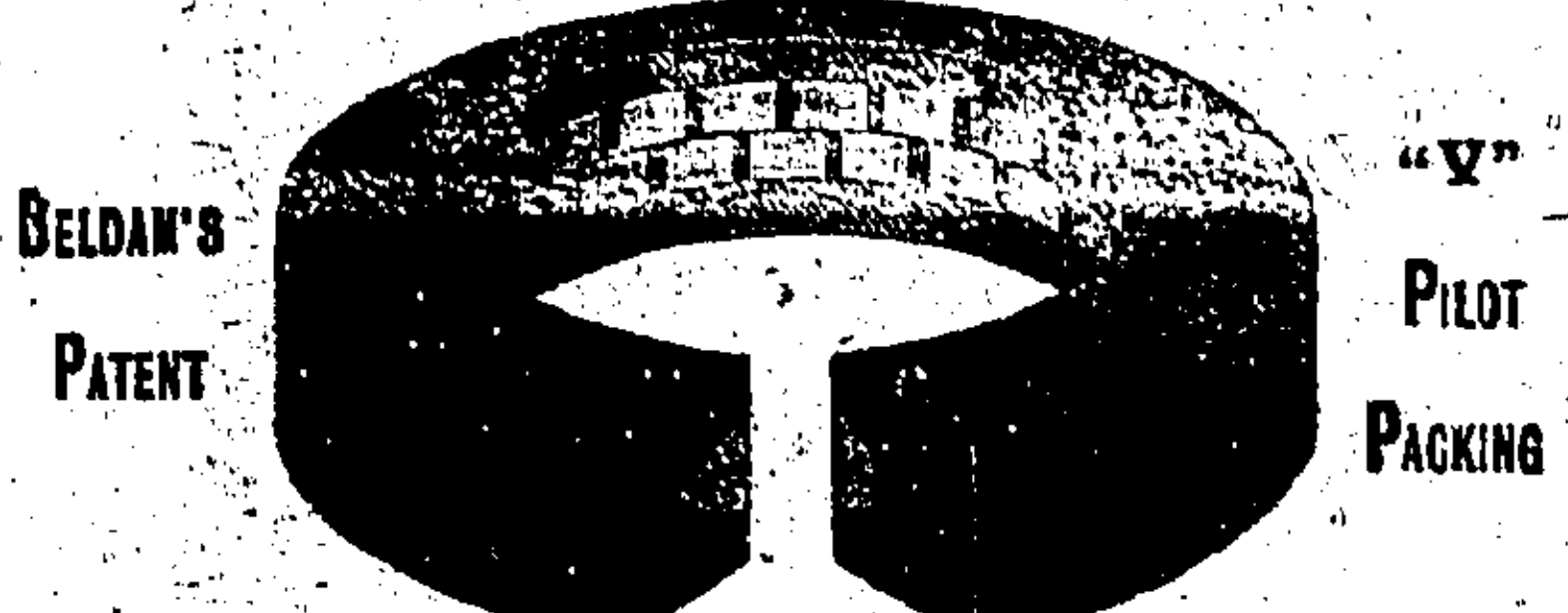
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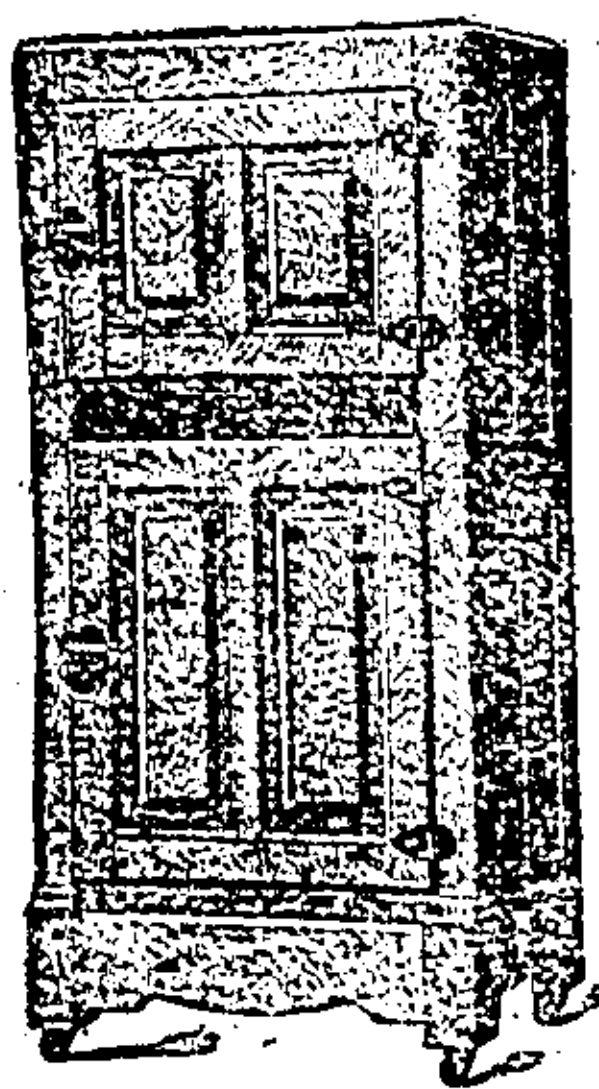
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Y. SHIBUYA,
Manager,
No. 2, PRINCE STREET,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, April 29, 1911. 818

NOTICE.

ASSIGNMENT OF BUSINESS
SHARES.

THE Undersigned hereby to notify
that he assigned this 21st day of the
month of July 1911, all his interests in the
business firms enumerated below to
CHUNG TONG, CHIU CHING TONG
and SHAN IP TONG, being two-twelfths
of the Shares of the said firms in the name
of LO KWAN SIN TONG. The said
shares were originally divided in the
following manner:—Four-twelfths held by
HANG CHING TONG, four-twelfths by
CHUNG TONG, and four-twelfths by
SHAN IP TONG. The said HANG
CHING TONG later branched into two,
viz.:—SAN CHI TONG and the Under-
signed YUK CHI TONG, each holding
two-twelfths, the head of the later being
assigned to the latter by YUN-SIT. The
assignment has now been completed, deeds
to be held by the Assignor and the
Assignees as proof having been executed.
In future the profits made or loss incurred
by the firm YAN KEE and all its branches
in all the villages and ports as enumerated
below, and all their liabilities in respect to
goods supplied by Chinese or foreigners, or
to loans advanced, remittances, etc., as well
as all securities and mortgages, shall not
be the least concern of the Undersigned LO
YUN-SIT of YUK CHI TONG but shall
be made responsible to the Assignor CHUNG
TONG, CHIU CHING TONG and
SHAN IP TONG.

The following are the firms above
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The Fuk Shing Gold Thread Shop of Ship
San Po, The Ki Shing Tobacco Shop of
Ship San Hong, The Yan Kee Godown of
Sin Ki.
HONGKONG: The Yan Kee Tea Shop of Fuk
Cheung Yuen, The Chi Shing Shoe Shop
of Fuk Cheung Yuen, The Ki Shop To-
bacco Depot of Ng U Chan, The Tak
Shing Hata Shop of Tai Ping Kiu.
KONG MOON: The Hong Yik Tobacco
Shop and Depot, The Chi Shing Shoes
Shop.
TONG H. HUI: The Hong Yik Tobacco
Shop.
SHA PING HUI: The Hang Wo Tobacco
Shop.
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HONGKONG: The Kwong Man Cheung
Shop, The Cheung Ki Tea Shop, The Chi
Shing Chin Picea Goods Shop, The Chi
Shing Shanghai Goods Shop.
SINGAPORE: The Lo Ki Shing Shop,
The Lo Chi Shing Shop.
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THE BOGEY OF SYNTHETIC
RUBBER.

Is Raw Rubber Doomed?

Writing in the *Financial and Political*
on July 1st, Mr. Hermann C. T. Gardner
F.C.S., M.P.S., says:—
Is raw rubber doomed?

The visitor to the Rubber Exhibition may
well be pardoned if he asks himself this
question, when he finds there are two stands
devoted to the exhibit of synthetic rubber,
or rubber presumably built up by chemical
means from its constituent elements. Prob-
ably he will not be surprised, since the
possibility, and, shall I add, the actuality
of synthetic rubber has been preached so
often and so strenuously that its material
presentation will merely stimulate curiosity,
though perhaps it will not altogether efface
its incredulity as to its likely commercial service.

The story of rubber made by artificial
means is an old tale, and as previous
claims are recalled confidence in the article
rather disappears—if there ever were con-
fidence in its probability. Mr. Henry
Pearson, the well-known editor of the
Indian Rubber World, New York, has again
and again brought the searchlight of his
inquisition to bear upon the probabilities
claims that have been made, only to find,
if not actual imposture, the assertions
vehemently stated have proved to be with-
out foundation. It is not pleasant to
recall that a large proportion of so-called
synthetic rubbers were analogous to the
fictitious diamonds Lemoine, of transient
fame, stated he produced. Is it to
be wondered at that further claims
should be met with more or less scepticism
by all who are entitled to form an
authoritative opinion on the matter? Not
be it understood, that synthetic rubber is
an impossibility, or that it has never been
produced—students of the subject are
fully aware that it has been. The quantity,
however, so obtained has, to continue the
analogy, been somewhat like that of a
genuinely artificially-prepared diamond
beside a good natural stone, and as
regards quantity, so with quality. Thus
far all the rubber that has been
made outside Nature's workshop can
only be considered as a scientific curiosity,
appealing more to the scientist on
account of its preparation than to the
commercial world by reason of any value.
There is not any need to repeat what
has already lucidly been written in the
columns of this paper with relation to the
history of reputable endeavours and other-
wise; the only question which remains to
be answered is whether the exhibitors who
display small pieces of the synthetic pro-
duct have advanced very much further than
the stage already reached. I shall endeav-
our to supply an answer, and one which I
venture to think will prove of more than
passing interest to all who have the planta-
tion industry at heart, no matter if
investor, planter, broker or consumer. At
the outset it is but fair to one exhibit—the
Silberberg Research Laboratories—to state
that no pretension is made that they have
reached any nearer making synthetic
rubber a commercial proposition. What
they show is shown only as something
likely to engage the attention of those who
visit the exhibition, without any intention
of advancing statements as to its present
and actual manufacture in bulk. Not so
the firm bearing the title of the Caoutchouc
Syndicate, Limited, who would have us
believe they are in a position to compete
with the natural product by ascertaining
they can prepare it by the ton. Let me,
for the benefit of readers, analyse their
statements and examine their processes.
Perhaps I may be forgiven if—striving to
do justice—I have to touch on technical-
ities, which I will attempt to do in as
untechnical a manner as possible.

THE CONVENT FIRM.

Unfortunately, one has to distinguish
between truth and bombast, and if the
conversation I had with the representative
at the stand is any criterion, it is to be
feared in the claims, then advanced there
was a little of the former coupled with a
good deal of the latter. For instance, it is
seriously stated that two tons of this
synthetic rubber has been prepared, but—
and this "but" is significant—the whole
of it was destroyed by fire a few days be-
fore the opening of the exhibition, with
the exception of a trolley-looking mass
weighing at the outside perhaps half
a pound, which finds a place on the
counter. Strange, is it not, we should
have heard nothing of a fire that con-
sumed two tons of "synthetic" rubber?
Obviously, the prime factor in any com-
petition which would take place between
synthetic rubber in bulk and rubber from
the tree is the cost of production of the
former, providing always that its tensile
and resilient properties leave nothing to
be desired, or that its vulcanising capacity
is equal to any ordinary brand of raw rub-
ber. Bearing in mind the cost of preparing
isoprene from turpentine, whether Russian
or American, and the cost of its subsequent
rectification, it is a matter for reasonable
doubt if synthetic caoutchouc can be ob-
tained at anything approaching the cost
of production of either wild or plantation
rubber, even supposing it can be manu-
factured in reasonable amounts. This firm,
however, admittedly use isoprene, and yet
state the rubber they make costs them 4d
per lb. Let me look into this for a
moment, setting aside for the nonce the
possibility of obtaining isoprene by a
cheaper method than from turpentine. I
was informed that from the commencement
of the procedure to this time a piece of
rubber was obtained took about a week
and if the piece of rubber shown is a
specimen of a week's work, not forgetting
the necessary labour entailed by the
various operations, one can only conclude
the statement is rather more elastic
than the product, but the two tons of
rubber referred to was said to have taken
six months to produce. Now, this is to be

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1911. 957

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PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the absence
of Mr. G. W. C. FEMBERTON from
the Colony, Mr. H. P. HICKMAN has
been appointed ACTING SECRETARY
to the Company.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. A. SIBBS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, July 24, 1911. 948

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO.,
LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF TWO
DOLLARS per Share for the Six
months ending 30th June, will be payable
on SATURDAY, 28th July, at which date
Dividend Warrants may be obtained on
application at the Company's Office.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED on THURS-
DAY, the 20th July to SATURDAY, the 28th
July, (both days inclusive), during
which period no transfer of Shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELLIN HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment & Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for
The West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, July 11, 1911. 898

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF THREE
AND A HALF DOLLARS per
Share for the Six months ending 30th
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28th July, at which date Dividend War-
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELLIN HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 11, 1911. 899

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(Particulars from Catalogue).
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1911.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instruc-
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on
TUESDAY,
the 1st August, 1911, commencing at
11 A.M., at his Sales Rooms,
DUNDRELL STREET,—
50 Cases Barclay and Perkins' Stout (in
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20 Cases Gonsales and Byness' Port.
40 Cases Wrexham Beer.
5 Cases Hammonia Beer.
10 Cases Charet 'Pontet-Cadet'.
A Quantity of Champagne, Hock,
Burgundy, etc., etc.
On View from Monday, the 31st July,
TERMS:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, July 27, 1911. 962

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction
on
TUESDAY,
the 1st August, 1911, commencing at
2.30 P.M., at No. 49, WYNDHAM STREET,—
A QUANTITY OF
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FURNITURE.
Comprising:—
Upholstered Armchairs, Sofas, Over-
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Dining Table, Teak Sideboard with Bevelled
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with Bevelled Mirrors, Marble-top Wash-
stands, Marble-top Bureau with Bevelled
Mirrors, Toilet Crockery, &c., &c.
Bathroom, Pantry & Kitchen Requisites.
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On View from Friday, the 28th July,
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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, July 22, 1911. 941

PUBLIC AUCTION.
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on
WEDNESDAY,
the 2nd August, 1911, commencing at
2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS,
DUNDRELL STREET,—
A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE.
Comprising:—
Tapestry Covered Chairs, Teak Over-
mantels, Brass Fenders, Carpets, Pictures,
Engravings, etc., etc.
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Bevelled Mirror, Dinner Waggon, Book
cases, Desks, etc., etc.
Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Wardrobes
with Bevelled Mirrors, Marble-top Wash-
stands, Dressing Table with Bevelled
Mirrors, etc., etc.
Also
A Quantity of Lace Curtains, Household
and Table Linens, etc.
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presumed at least one man was employed during that time, say, at 8d per hour, for an eight-hours' day. Allowing for four hours only on Saturday, this gives a working week of 44 hours, costing 36s 4d, or for the six months labour alone would cost £28 2s 8d, or a trifle over 2d per lb.—that is, employing only one man. Then there is the cost of material, the cost of the fire necessary for generating the steam for the autoclave, the cost of refinement of the crude isoprene, the cost of the chemicals used for producing the chemical changes, not forgetting the maker's profit, and, in face of all this, we are asked to believe it can be turned out at 4d per lb! Prominently placed at this interesting exhibit are bottles containing sawdust, crystals of Demarara (cane) sugar, and the ordinary household starch; together with specimens of levulinic acid, and a fluid labelled thiotolene, which is no doubt thiotolene, known to the chemical world as methylthiophene. The latter two are unquestionably somewhat mysterious to the visitor unversed in chemical oddities, and possibly impress him, although I will not go so far as to add such is the intention. I have, however, to point out that if the three former substances are presumed to demonstrate the formation of sugar from sawdust—and such I was given to understand—the choice of sugar is an unfortunate one, since by the well known process of preparing sugar from wood or starch—i.e., by boiling starch with dilute sulphuric acid—sugar is obtained in compact masses and without a crystalline structure—to wit, grape sugar, or, as it is also known, dextrose or glucose. Adopting the charitable view that my informant was mistaken, I will add glucose can be manufactured from crystalline cane-sugar by what is known as hydrolytic decomposition, though, bearing in remembrance the market price of cane-sugar, as well as the lengthy process by which it is claimed isoprene is made from it, and the necessary wastage that must ensue, it is again difficult to reconcile the statement that this rubber-like material costs only 4d per lb. The next stage—levulinic acid—is arrived at by heating the cane-sugar or starch with hydrochloric acid. As starch is obviously much the cheaper of the two to use, why show sugar at all? Except, indeed, it be done for purposes of effect. Even here an admission was wrung from the representative that Russian turpentine was used as the source of the isoprene generally. Why, then, all this complex method of obtaining it from sugar or starch? To continue, the thiotolene, or, more properly, thiotolene, is formed by the action of one of the rarer phosphorus compounds—phosphorus tri-sulphide—on levulinic acid. Does this look inexpensive, unless the makers have discovered some process not commonly known? I have to confess I do not know how they convert their thiotolene into isoprene, as they seem beyond the realm of ordinarily accepted chemical methods to do so. Perhaps the makers will enlighten my ignorance on this point? Now we have reached the isoprene, that is, the crude isoprene, the refinement of which we will pass over. It is stated at the stand that the change of this body into rubber is induced by heating it, without the addition of any other substance, in sealed flasks in an autoclave. An autoclave is, roughly, an apparatus for bringing the action of heat into play under pressure. The use of the autoclave is to be understood, not so the production of condensation (or polymerisation) by heating under pressure alone, which is not in accordance with scientific observations on the phenomenon. It is a matter for regret that, subtle as this nature can only be appreciated by an expert; yet it is in statements of this sort that weakness becomes apparent. So far as the attainment of a rubber-like substance from isoprene is concerned, it will be seen in fact all that has happened is but the revival of a well-known method, and it can be conventionally be doubted whether it will prove any more successful in the handling of larger quantities of material than in the smaller quantities experimented upon, with in the precincts of the laboratory. And what of THIS RUBBER ITSELF? The 3 square inches or so exhibited is not likely to disturb the equanimity of either the planter or broker. Looked at in the light of the pretentious claims advanced, it is a dismal result. If such a piece is all that can evolve from so elaborate a process, with its autoclaves capable of holding six-gallon flasks, then the sooner an end were put to such a farce the better. It may be urged I am unnecessarily severe on synthetic rubber. Not at all. I simply condemn—and in this I think I carry with me the expressions of persons of experience—the semblance of success when the production does not warrant the vaunts. It is not a case of bias; there is room for the synthetic product if it equals the natural article, and it would be didactic to aver that ultimately scientific research will not bring forth rubber, and rubber of good quality; but until the production is assured of rubber bearing the impress of sterling worth, samples such as are here presented should be designated what they are—specimens worthy of the chemical museum, and of the chemical museum alone.

When a ton of synthetic rubber can be made and placed with a broker for sale, even at a value approximating that of a poor sample of Para or Castille, then it can be accepted seriously; until then of necessity such scraps as make their appearance can be accepted as interesting—but no further. Let such a condition as I suggest prevail, there yet will be the tests of practicality to pass, and it is a safe thing to assert the manufacturer will not be backward in subjecting it to stringent industrial proofs before it finds a recognised place. It will be, however, not say the worse off for this, but the better, since it will have been tried and not have been found wanting. That rubber has in reality been synthesised on a commercial scale will not be guaranteed by the lines of a prospectus or the statements of those privately advantaged, but by permitting competent judges to view the production in its different stages, under strict conditions, so that a reliable, and just opinion may be formed. No, the rubber industry has nothing to fear at present, nor need the investor permit timidity to come upon him because of this exhibit at an exhibition demonstrating the necessity of rubber for the world of to-day, showing something of the extent of its output, whilst simultaneously proving in no uncertain measure that Nature at present has not been fooled by Art.

CANADA'S INCREASED REVENUE.

Finally revised figures of the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1911, have been issued by the Finance Department. They show that the revenue amounted to \$117,790,400, as compared with \$101,503,710 in 1910, an increase of \$16,286,690. The expenditure on consolidated fund, or ordinary account, totalled \$87,773,908, as against \$79,411,747, an increase of \$8,362,261. On capital account the expenditure was \$33,896,222, a decrease of about half a million as compared with capital expenditure incurred in 1910. During the fiscal year \$3,773,305 was added to the public debt, which on March 31 last stood at \$340,041,862. The chief sources of increase in the revenue were—Customs, \$12,800,981; excise, \$1,616,485; post office, \$1,168,405; public works, including railways, \$1,171,284.

NOTICE

MISS MASSEY begs the indulgence of her friends and patrons for not calling on them as she would wish to have done immediately on her return. She is confined to her room by a severe chill and her medical adviser gives no hope of her being able to leave it for some weeks.

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of the community, he went on to examine the contention that the inevitable result of present tendencies in the birth-rate will be a future race of inefficient members. "If," he said, "we really can divide the community in the way that they divide it, I am unable to understand how we have failed to have a segregation of efficiency in the past between those who are better off and those who are worse off. All through history there have been the separate men making a success of life, rising in the social scale—to use the cant phrase—and those who have failed in life sinking in the social scale. The result of that should be, by direct hereditary principles, that you would in the end get by hereditary a better quality of everything that makes for the highest kind of efficiency at one end of the scale and of least efficiency at the other. We should be divided not merely by the accidents of fortune, not merely by one man having a better education than the other, but by an actual definite physical inefficiency. I do not see any trace of that. I do not see that that is going on." Later in his speech, Mr. BALFOUR said:—

"Differences of education, of course, there are; differences of opportunity, of course, there are, but I should look with very grave apprehension on all these schemes for enabling us to rise from one class of position to another by means of scholarships, examinations, and all the rest of it, if I thought that the result of it must be upon this theory that you are going to end by having at one end of the scale people who are physiologically and socially destined from birth to an inferiority which I do not see in them at the present moment."

In thus carrying the theory to which we have referred to its logical conclusion, Mr. BALFOUR disclosed the flaw in such reasoning. He did not, though, venture on speculations of his own on what the future of the race will be. He, however, urged that we must go in for making every man, woman, and child—especially child—as well as treatment can make them, and asserted that we have the further duty of doing all in our power as a community to encourage that research which is going to make the medicine of 30 years hence as superior to the medicine of to-day as the medicine of to-day is to the medicine of 30 years ago. "I do not want," he said, "to elaborate or to dwell upon that proposition, which I think will be accepted without doubt, without question, by almost all those whom I am addressing. But if I were to give, from the purely external point of view, the rough division—the first rough division—between the happy and the unhappy, I should put it at the division of health. I should say roughly—very roughly—it corresponded with the division between the well and the ill. And if I were to be asked what the next rough division was, I should say it was between those who suffer from destitution and those, whatever their profession in life or their monetary position may be, who do not suffer from destitution. It is there that the great division as regards worldly goods comes in. But this is the tragedy of the situation: that, those being the two great divisions, they interact one upon the other."

"OUR WEEKLY PICTURE."

The picture to appear on the cover of this week's edition of our *Overland China Mail* (to be published to-morrow) is a photograph of the collapsed Star Ferry Wharf smashed after the typhoon.

Orders for the paper should be sent early to the Chi A Mail Office.

The master of the licensed motor boat Sibby was fined \$10, by Commissioner C. W. B. Smith, J.N., at the Marine Court to-day, for disregarding the rule of the road. A similar penalty was imposed on the master of the motor launch Kam Kai for lying to guide Blake Pier in such a manner as to prevent the free access of other vessels. A fine of \$5 was imposed on the master of the steam launch Ho Lung for mooring in a narrow channel. The fine was also imposed on the master of the launch Hing Lok for mooring in a narrow channel.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day's quotation for Para rubber, per Moore's Vernon and Smyth, is 4s. 8d.

Four further cases of plague have occurred to-day, three being fatal. The year's total is now 235.

A Leipzig message says that a French officer named Capt. Lux has been sentenced to six years' confinement in a fortress for espionage.

The Wilson troupe, a company of clever jugglers and acrobats, are appearing for a short season at the Cheung Hing Theatre, West Point.

The S.S. Tanyo Maru, which should have departed at noon to-day has been delayed by yesterday's typhoon and will not sail until noon to-morrow.

There was an attempted armed robbery by three men at No. 49, Queen's Road East on Thursday night. Nothing was stolen and one arrest has been made.

One of the events at the Epsom Coronation sports was "the Nursery Plate," which was the title given to a perambulator race for married women of all ages, while the Oaks Stakes was a 50 yards handicap for women over 40.

Mr. John Durant, who is 102 years of age, and has lived in six reigns, planted a Coronation tree on the Weybridge Recreation Ground, and, after enjoying a dinner given to the old people, sang "The Death of Nelson" and "Rule, Britannia!"

Bishop Eulogius, a prominent member of the Duma, has organised a committee of distinguished Russian ecclesiastics and laymen to receive the representatives of the Anglican Church who are expected in St. Petersburg in the autumn with the British members of Parliament.

The three men who were charged with kidnapping a woman have been discharged. The police having investigated the matter, the information given was found to be false. At the time of the remand on Saturday last it was stated that probably the more serious charge of murder would be preferred against the men, but that has been dropped as the men concerned turned up a few days afterwards.

The twelfth annual report of the General Federation of Trade Unions states that the year's record closed with a financial reserve less than at any time since 1902. The total membership was 710,994, and the income was lower by £1,630 4s. 9d. than in the previous year. The dispute in the cotton trade did not seriously develop, but the "boilers' lock-out cost the federation over £23,000.

It is announced that the iron and steel manufacturers of the world will meet in Brussels next January in an international congress to discuss a world wide agreement for making stable the market for their products. British, German, French, American, and Belgian interests are to be represented. It is understood that American delegates propose to present a scheme for regulating the output in proportion to the demand, with a view to enforcing "balance of prices."

Church Notes for August contains the following:—Diocesan Girls' School.—The Summer Holidays commenced on Saturday, July 22nd. Our congratulations and thanks are due to Miss Jessie Thom, an "old girl" of the School, who collected no less than \$103 for the School Funds at Pagoda An-horag, Foochow. Are there not some other "old girls" of the School who will copy Miss Thom's excellent example and also try to collect funds to help the School in its present extreme financial need?

Five children in a village near Moscow who were playing at home in the absence of their parents climbed into a big iron safe with a massive lid, held up by a prop of wood. One of the children must have accidentally knocked the prop away, for the lid fell, and, owing to the automatic catch, became immovable from the inside. After a long delay the safe was opened, and the dead bodies of the children, their faces distorted with their sufferings, were found.

THE COMBINED CIRCUS.

There will be a magnificent programme presented to the patrons of the Circus to-night. Twenty-one special items by the artists of two shows will be supplied, as well as a stirring and exciting hunting spectacle entitled Tally Ho!! The last named item ought to draw a packed house. From start to finish it is a wild dash over hurdles and jumps, horses and riders tearing round the arena at break neck speed and finishing up with the great water jump.

AN OPEN SECRET.

MANY ask the reason for the continued and increasing demand for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The secret is that it never fails to give relief. The middle aged men of to-day remember it as the remedy given them by their mothers for cramp, colic and diarrhoea when they were children and its reputation as a positive cure for such ailments is still maintained. No remedy has ever been produced in its equal for the prompt relief of pain. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

JAPANESE CRUISER'S EXPERIENCE.**CAUGHT IN A HURRICANE.**

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

TOKYO, July 28. The cruiser Hashidate was caught by a furious hurricane while in the offing off Inashu.

She was lashed about by the seas with the result that two sailors died from injuries received while six petty officers were more or less seriously hurt.

ASIATIC EXCLUSION.**MEXICO FOLLOWS AMERICA.**

(Fish Ts Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 27.

H. E. Chan Yin Tong, the Chinese Minister in Washington, has wired to the Wai-wo-po that the Mexican Government intends to copy the American law excluding Chinese immigrants. He has requested the Board to enter a protest.

SUGGESTED HEAVIER SALT TAX.

(Wah Fat Ts Po's Service.)

PEKING, July 27.

Doko Chak and H. E. Yin Chang, the Minister of Military, have suggested an increase in the salt tax in order to aid military expenses.

AFTER THE TYPHOON.**Little Damage in Hongkong.**

Reports from the several districts show that very little damage has been done by the typhoon of yesterday. There is practically nothing of any seriousness to record with the exception of a launch, named Kowloon, belonging to a contractor named Tak Fat, of Des Voeux Road, being sunk in Hungsham bay about 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

A coolie living at No. 133, Hok Yuen Street, Hungsham, reports that part of the wall at No. 134 fell on to the roof of his house bringing down a portion of the roof. He was slightly injured but refused to go to hospital.

Considerable damage has been done to some of the roads in the outlying districts. A big hole was made in the road near the Belle View Hotel, and consequently the thoroughfare is at present rather dangerous. Two large holes were also made in the Aberdeen and Stanley Roads about 200 yards from Aberdeen.

The seawall at Quarry Point, Shaukiwan, has been washed away and the wall undermined in several places. The reclamation in front of Saiwanko market was washed away and now the water is undermining the foundations of the market. A dangerous gap was also made in the road at Shaukiwan village while several matcheds were blown down at Saiwan, besides a bamboo pier.

It is considered that the typhoon passed between Hongkong and Gap Rock, and that its centre could not have been more than eighteen miles distant from the Colony. At no time, however, did the gales reach typhoon force in Hongkong, though at about noon a velocity of about 70 miles an hour was recorded. This was merely temporary, however. The Observatory report to-day states that the typhoon passed near Macao yesterday afternoon and disappeared on the Continent.

All the debris at the Star Ferry pier has now been cleared away and the landing stage minus any covering looks strangely bare. The launches have been using the pier all day. We understand that small temporary matted will be erected until such time as the new pier is completed, but that it will be merely confined to the first-class section. Something is certainly needed to provide shelter from the sun and rain, while the absence of the time-indicator is also keenly felt at present.

ANOTHER MOTORCAR ACCIDENT.**Narrow Escape of a Child.**

While walking near the junction of Yee Woo Street on Thursday, a native, who was accompanied by his son, aged about 7 years, noticed a motorcar coming along Caroline Road and enter Yee Woo Street. He crossed over to get clear of the car when he suddenly noticed another one coming from the direction of Shaukiwan Road. While trying to avoid one he was in danger of being run over by the other. As it happened he escaped but the child was knocked down. Fortunately the wheels of the car did not pass over the child, who had a very narrow escape. As it was the little one recovered a slight abrasion on the side of the head.

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HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.**ROYAL VISIT AND POSSIBLE UNDERSTANDING.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

A message from Brussels states that Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and the Prince Consort are on a visit to the King and Queen of Belgium.

At a banquet held in the Palace most cordial speeches were made by the King and Queen Wilhelmina, emphasising the friendship and confidence existing between the two countries.

The Times' Brussels correspondent says there is considerable feeling in Belgium in favour of a definite understanding with Holland, the possibility of a military arrangement having been discussed for some time.

THE POLITICAL WRANGLE.**THE HALSBURY BANQUET.****Fighting Speeches.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 27.

No list of those present at the Halsbury banquet was given to the Press. The Morning Post has the names of 31 Peers and 40 Members of Parliament among the 400 present. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, the guests repeatedly rising to cheer the speeches, which unanimously protested loyalty to the leaders.

Lord Salisbury remarked that he would sooner cut off his hand than contribute to the fall of Lord Lansdowne. "It is," he said, "in a spirit of complete loyalty to Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne but with the determination to assist in a more decided and more gallant course that we shall discuss the Bill when the Commons return it."

Lord Halsbury's remarks on the possibility of an impeachment for advising the creation of peers was frantically cheered. He said that the last-time peers were created three of the authors were impeached, two fled the country, and one was imprisoned in the Tower.

Lord Milner said he never went into a fight with greater reluctance, but they would be wanting in self-respect if they in any way shared responsibility for the creation of peers. Let the Government appoint its own agents to do its own evil work.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain said Mr. Asquith had tricked the Opposition, entrapped the Crown, and deceived the people. They were loyal subjects of the Crown and honest servants of the people, and would do their utmost to prevent a repetition of the outrage. When Mr. Chamberlain described Mr. Asquith as a traitor the hall echoed with shouts of "A traitor!" The speaker was also greeted with cries of "Future Premier."

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's telegram said the country was indebted to Lord Halsbury for refusing to surrender his principles in such a crisis.

LORD LANSDOWNE'S SUPPORTERS.

Lord Lansdowne, who sent letters to his followers asking whether they support his policy, has received replies from 230 who signify their intention to support him.

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SPANISH MAJESTIES IN LONDON.**A VISIT FROM EX-KING MANUEL.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

The King and Queen of Spain have arrived in London.

Ex-King Manuel of Portugal paid a visit to King Alfonso.

THE MONSOON.**ANXIETY STILL FELT.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

Messages received from Simla indicate that anxiety is continued at the feebleness of the monsoon.

(Note.—The following message from Simla, dated July 26th, appears in a Rangoon contemporary:—"The somewhat unsatisfactory advance of the monsoon is best indicated by the fact that out of 173 stations which reported their daily rainfall to the Government of India, 111 record the fact that from the 1st of May to date they are under their average receipts. From the 1st of May to date Kavar in Konkan is no less than 22 inches short; Nasirabad, in Chota Nagpur, 18 inches; and Bombay is 11 less than usual. On the other hand Cherrapunji stands a good chance of beating its own record, as it is plus 33 inches; Nanyangang, in Bengal, is 20 inches over the average; Hazaribagh, in Chota Nagpur, 18 inches; and Marwan, 13 inches to the good."—Ed. C.M.)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.**IMPORTANT HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 28.

The debate in the House of Commons was continued last night, various questions being raised.

Sir Edward Grey, replying to the debate, referred to the Albanian revolt. He expressed anxiety and regret at the occurrence and intimated that a continuance of British support of the new regime depended on its power to produce order. He would not say that the Powers would not intervene if an emergency serious enough arose. Intervention, he added, would mean the destruction of the new regime.

Adverting to Egypt, Sir Edward paid a tribute to the late Sir Eldon Gorst and stated that Lord Kitchener's appointment was a civil one and did not mean a change from the policy of civil government and reform to a military and reactionary policy. Sir Edward paid a tribute to Lord Kitchener's impartiality saying that he had not stirred up strife, and had shown considerable diplomatic qualities in smoothing out difficulties.

The Foreign Estimates were adopted.

LATE TELEGRAMS.**SURGERY IN AMERICA.**

New York, July 14th.

Dr. Frankenthal, of the Hospital for Deformities, New York, has successfully grafted the skin bone of a man on to the leg of a woman suffering from necrosis.

SAN FRANCISCO JAPANESE.

San Francisco, July 18th.

The Japanese residents in this port will hold a meeting this evening to discuss a proposal to invite a number of journalists from Tokyo, Osaka and other places in Japan in order to disclose the actual conditions of the residents here.—Tokyo Asahi.

MEXICO AGAIN GETTING OUT OF HAND.

New York, July 14th.

The large insurgent element in Mexico, which has never been satisfied with the resumption of peace, has again taken to arms, and in six States fighting is now in progress.—Special to the Japan Advertiser.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

THE FEELING AT HOME.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 27.

Leaders and special articles are published in the papers on the Moroccan difficulty. Some of them have an alarmist tone and testify to the growing anxiety regarding Anglo-German relations.

The statement which Mr. Asquith is expected to make to-day is eagerly awaited.

Admiral Moore, who is in command at Portsmouth, announces that certain battleships and cruisers of the Atlantic Fleet are returning to Portsmouth in order to give leave to the crews, which means that they will be at Portsmouth a month.

The papers point out that the whole of the Third Division of the Home Fleet, mobilised for the Coronation, was placed on a peace footing the very day the Atlantic Fleet was recalled.

MR. ASQUITH'S GUARDED STATEMENT.

London, July 28.

Last night in the House of Commons Mr. Asquith said the question in connection with Morocco had reached a point where it will become increasingly embarrassing and anxious unless a solution is found. "We cannot say," he added, "whether the subject of the present Franco-German conversations affects British interests until we know the ultimate result. We cordially desire that they will result in a settlement which will be honourable and satisfactory to both parties and which will not prejudice British interests."

BRITAIN NOT TO BE WIPED OFF THE MAP.

Later.

Mr. Asquith added:—"We should not think of attempting to interfere in any territorial arrangements in West Africa which those directly interested consider reasonable, but, failing a settlement, we must become active parties in discussing the situation. This would be our duty in defence of British interests."

Mr. Balfour said the careful and guarded statement of the Premier did not require comment or criticism. If foreign critics supposed that we were to be wiped off the map because we had had some difficulties to face, they little knew the British temper.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said the Labour party would co-operate with the Government in Germany and France to the last moment in the interests of peace.

THE ENGLISH CRICKET TEAM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 28.

Rhodes has accepted the invitation of the M. C. C. to play for England in Australia in the coming Test Matches.

[Note.—So far there have been two acceptances, namely—Parker, Kinnear, Bransome, Parnes, Hobbs, Strudwick, Douglas, Warner, E. J. Smith and Rhodes.—Ed. C.M.]

THE GOODWOOD CUP.

KILBRONEY WINS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 27.

Mirador (Clark up) is a probable starter for the Goodwood Cup Race.

Later.

Mirador and St. Crispin will not run.

London, July 28.

The result is as follows:—
Kilbroney 1
Martingale II 2
Yellow Slave 3

Martingale made the running until close home, when Kilbroney challenged and won by a head. A length and a half separated the second and third. There were five starters and the betting was as follows:—4 to 1 agst Kilbroney, 8 to 1 agst Martingale II, 7 to 1 agst Yellow Slave.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 27.

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons on the Indian Budget, Colonel Yale complained that the Indian people had not been compensated for the loss of opium, and urged the prevention of the export of morphine and cocaine from Europe.

Mr. Montagu, Under Secretary of State for India, declined the sympathy of the House of Commons for all who are doing their share to eradicate the immoral opium industry, firstly for the Chinese who were showing admirable zeal, and then for the Indian taxpayers, who were willingly and cheerfully making sacrifices.

EXPLOSION ON THE PRAYA.

One Killed; Five Injured.

A most distressing accident occurred on the Praya at about 12.30 to-day, as the result of which a small Chinese boy was killed through the explosion of a bomb and five other natives more or less severely wounded.

It appears that a gang of coolies was employed in carrying baskets and cases of joss-sticks from a godown on to a junk lying along about 20 yards off the Leung Wing Wharf—just opposite the Sincere Company's stores—for transport to the S. S. Gregory Aker, which was lying in the fairway taking cargo aboard in preparation for her departure to Singapore tomorrow afternoon. The particular coolies engaged at the moment of the accident were carrying a case and a big basket containing what were supposed to be joss-sticks and on reaching the sea-wall they must have dropped these rather carelessly.

At any rate, no sooner had the packages touched the ground than there was a fearful explosion from the wooden case, which was blown to pieces and the joss-sticks scattered about everywhere. Those in the neighbourhood were greatly scared, while the people close at hand did not escape injury, and one child, as stated, was killed on the spot. It appears that the case contained a "live" bomb—whether concealed among the joss-sticks for smuggling is not known—and that it was the explosion of this shell which caused such fearful results.

A well-known European, who was in the vicinity at the time of the dreadful accident, told a China Mail representative that the sight was a most revolting one. On hearing the explosion he at first thought it was a mail-bomb signalled, but seeing people rushing to the sea-front he followed them.

"On the ground," he said, "was an exploded case of joss-sticks and also a bomb-shell which had evidently gone off. The sight was sickening. A little Chinese kiddie lay huddled up on the ground with the side of his head blown in and his intestines all exposed. He was still living, but very soon died. Another Chinese had his fingers blown off and half his leg was gone, while another one had lost an ear. I shall never forget the horrible sight."

"The most pathetic thing about it was a poor Chinese woman who was weeping piteously over the loss of the little boy lying dead on the ground, who was evidently her little son. She was in a terrible way." Our informant added that five people were injured altogether. Amputations soon appeared on the scene and the injured were removed to hospital, while a coffin was brought along for the dead child.

From later enquiries we learn that the effect of the explosion was confined to, within ten yards, for only those people in the immediate vicinity were hurt. Concealed amongst the joss sticks in the box was a bomb which went off with the concussion when the coolies set down the box somewhat forcibly. It was of the variety that could be thrown and would have the effect of killing just those persons in the immediate neighbourhood of where it struck the ground. Inside the bomb were large pieces of old metal, while the outside was made of Chinese pottery. It is said that this is the usual way the Chinese make their smaller bombs.

Apparently the shippers were unaware of the contents of the package for the goods came from Swatow to be transhipped in Hongkong.

The junk to which the packages were being conveyed was immediately ordered to be detained, there being a number of other packages on board and the shippers were notified that they must go through the contents under supervision. The affair caused considerable sensation in the city and all the afternoon crowds of Chinese hung round the spot, particularly the place where the child was killed, it being about five yards away from the actual explosion.

SPORTS G.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

RESULT OF THE PROFESSIONAL PAIRS COMPETITION.

The final of this competition was played at Happy Valley on the 26th instant under very favourable weather conditions. The contestants were Cumming and Stoneham (Commercial) versus Dalgely and Thurstfield (Bankers), who received 5 strokes from their opponents.

A very hard game was fought, the winners being Cumming and Stoneham, who, however, did not secure the victory until the 12th hole was played; the match being all square at 13 holes. At one period the score was 3 up and 6 to play in favour of the "Commercialists," but their opponents played up well and reduced the lead to dormie 2. The "Bankers" had the advantage of one stroke on the 17th green which enabled them to win this hole, the position then being dormie 1. The 18th hole was won by the Bankers in 5, thus ending the round with the score all square, so play was continued until a decision could be arrived at. This was settled on the 19th green which was won by Cumming and Stoneham, who are therefore the winners of the competition.

Hongkong Tennis League.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Y.M.C.A.	8	7	1	14
Kowloon	8	6	2	12
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	8	6	2	12
Queen's College	8	4	4	8
Wigwam	8	4	4	8
Club de Recoletos	8	3	5	6
Civil Service	7	2	5	4
Omigawer	7	2	5	4
Watson's	8	1	7	2

Weather permitting, Y.M.C.A. will be "At Home" on their ground tomorrow the 28th at 8 p.m., and will play a team from the League composed as follows—Humphreys and Wood; Green and Fitzgibbon; Crook and Wei Wing-luk. The Champions will receive the Shield and medals, which will be presented by Miss Brown. Dr. Forsyth will preside.

SUMMARY COURT CASES.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the cases were mentioned in which Messrs. Vieira and Co. were sued by Kwong Wo and Co., Fook Wah Lee Koo and Wo Ping and Co., to recover \$285, \$950 and \$439 respectively. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for plaintiffs and said that statements of the claims had been filed.

Mr. H. L. Donny, Sr., said that the statements of claim had been served on him at 4 o'clock yesterday and he thought the case had better stand over for another week.

Mr. Gardiner—I would ask that a statement of defence be given within fourteen days.

Mr. Donny said that from a cursory glance of the statements of claim they appeared to be quite different from the ones previously supplied.

Mr. Gardiner—My friend need not worry about the old statements of claim.

The case was adjourned for a fortnight.

The case was mentioned in which Mrs. A. Ogilvie sued Mr. H. B. Davidson for \$9,500 and the case was fixed for Tuesday.

Miss Gains sued Mr. C. S. Sammi to recover \$431.60. The hearing was fixed for the 10th of August.

Mr. B. Johnston appeared for Li Moo, who was sued by The Hing Kee for \$148.80. Mr. Johnston said that defendant was a dreamer on one of the ships and would not be back for three months so that he would like the case adjourned.

His Lordship—Does he go to America?

Mr. Johnston—He goes anywhere.

His Lordship—Is he on a tramp or a liner?

Mr. Johnston—I don't know what ship he is on.

His Lordship—He won't be back for three months?

Mr. Johnston—He is here now.

His Lordship—Probably he would like the case disposed of.

The case comes on for hearing tomorrow.

An Chiu Ting sued Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., to recover \$1,000 damages for malicious prosecution.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Needham for defendants.

Mr. Needham said that he wished his Lordship to make an order for a special jury in that case.

His Lordship—You had better come into Chambers about that.

The case was adjourned.

Mr. P. W. Goldring mentioned the case in which Li Kam alias Li Yau sued a man by the name of Jimmy More, of No. 35, Praya East, to recover \$500 being damages for assault and battery committed by defendant upon plaintiff on July 19. Mr. Goldring said that he wished to amend the writ by adding trespass.

The amendment was allowed and the case was adjourned for a week.

"He may object to going into the lion's den," was the comment of His Lordship when Mr. Otto Hong Sing said that there was a good defence in the case in which Chan Heo sued M. Overton to recover \$75, but that if plaintiff went to his office probably the case would be settled.

The case was adjourned for a week.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court this afternoon, an action was heard with respect to the wrongful removal of certain wooden ceilings, linings, etc., at No. 37 Jervoise Street. The plaintiffs were Au Yeung Yuen, and Min Yuen Co., Ltd., were the defendants. The claim was for \$600.

Mr. R. A. Harding appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. Reader Harris for defendants. Mr. Harding said that plaintiffs served notice on defendants, who were the tenants, to leave in April last and when defendants went they did a considerable amount of damage to the premises, amongst other things the wooden ceilings were removed on the second floor. Just before they left plaintiffs went and found defendants' workmen engaged with an iron bar tearing down the ceilings, etc. It was necessary to call in an architect. He thought that his Lordship would come to the conclusion that the damage was malicious.

His Lordship—They may have thought they would get rid of rats and plague.

Mr. Harding—They were tenants leaving.

Continuing Mr. Harding said that once the ceiling was down it could not be put up again under the new buildings ordinance, consequently it made a serious difference to the saleable value of the property. A tenant had taken the place subsequently but had left at the end of the month owing to the state of the place.

Evidence was called.

The case was adjourned.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

The popular Bandmann Opera Company has arrived by the Simla and will open their short season to-night with "The Quaker Girl." This play is still the favourite of London, and when the Company was last here it was their most successful production. Only having been given once, it is certain to draw a big house to-night.

Unfortunately, owing to the typhoon yesterday, the Company has to curtail its programme here by only playing three nights, instead of four. "The Balkan Princess," which should have been given last night, will not now be produced.

Tomorrow, "A Fair Dream" will be put on, while on Monday the season ends with "La Cigale."

ENGLAND'S COUNTRY LANDSCAPE.

The following is from Mr. Fries Collier's book on "England and the English" of which a new half-crown edition has just appeared:—

"There are two things that I dare announce to the traveller as superlatively beautiful. If he be disappointed the fault is his, and not my praise of them. The pictures of Velasquez in the Prado at Madrid and an English country landscape in May surpass any possible preliminary praise of them. You may announce what you will, but the reality still surpasses the promise." And then Mr. Collier proceeds to give a very fine picture of the beauty of our country and why we love it.

"Twenty miles out of London," he says "and the sun is shining, and the truth glides along the green fields, hedges of hawthorn, trees blossoming on every side, England looks to be the huge, well-served farm of a Croesus. The absence of much sunlight, so distressing to the American in London, is an advantage now. True, the country is an old country, and had been ploughed and planted and harrowed for close on to a thousand years before America was even discovered. This gives the countryside a mellowness and well-groomed look, and the vaporous sunlight softens all the outlines, hides the harsh features, and gives the landscape the dreamy, far-away, misty loveliness of a mirage."

"Just now the fields that are not brown, having been turned up for sowing, are of a delicate green, and hundreds of sheep and lambs scurry about as the train flies by. If I were an Englishman, it seems to me I should grow positively thirsty for this scene if I were a long way from it. There seem to be no angles; fields melt into fields, and hedge into hedge, and here and there a ribbon of road which seems to join rather than to separate them. The hedges, big and little, are all of brick or stone, and have the advantage of lending their interest to ivy and climbing roses, and the older they are the softer the colour and outline. Houses of wood look to be dishevelled and shabby as they grow old, while brick and stone are the more dignified the older they grow."

WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE? Did we leave them all in London and Oxford, and Worcester and Birmingham? All through the afternoon and into the early evening we travel, and I could have counted more houses, certainly more sheep, than men and women from the carriage window. It may be a holiday, it may be the day's work, labourers, slow moving and sombrely clad in greys and browns, are not so distinctly seen in this soft light. In any case, it seems as though one might step out and take possession of as much of this lovely country as one cared to, and this adds still another quality to the charm. There is solitude without loneliness. It is well cared for, so gentle and cultivated in appearance, that one feels the companionship of men, but without their interruption.

"England is London," says one; "England is Parliament," says another; "England is the Empire," says still another. But, if I be not much mistaken, this stretch of green fields, these hills and valleys, these hedges and fruit trees, this soft landscape is the England men love."

THE ENGLAND-MEN LOVE.

"In India and Canada and Australia, in their ships at sea, in their knots of soldiery all over the world, Englandmen must close their eyes at times, and when they do they see these fields green and brown, these hedges dusted with the soft snow of blossoms, these houses hung with roses and ivy, and when the eyes open they are moist with these memories. The pioneer, the sailor, the soldier, the colonist, may fight, and struggle, and suffer, and proclaim his pride in his new home, but these are the love of a wife, of children, of friends; that other is the love, with the touch of adoration, that is not less, nor more, but still different, that mysterious mingling of care for, and love of, the one that brought you into the world."

"That in England, I take it," concludes Mr. Collier, "that makes one feel his duty to his religion, and the England that every American comes to as to a shrine."

GUNS IN SUBMARINES.

The long-contemplated proposal to equip submarines with guns will take practical effect on the first two boats of the "E" class, for which provision was made in the 1910-11 estimates. Prudence demands that the number and calibre of the guns shall not be disclosed for the present, but it is no longer a Whitehall secret that the 800-ton boats will carry an armament for use above as well as under water. Not only will the "E" class thus have a great potential superiority over all preceding types in our own and foreign navies, but their radius of action, speed, and torpedo equipment will be much greater. The assembly at Spithead for the review will include two boats of each of the four classes, "A" to "D," but, as it would be like searching for the proverbial needle in a haystack to pick them up out among so many large and small craft, it is understood that means will be found for bringing the development—and incidentally the evolutionary capabilities—of the submarine to the special notice of His Majesty and the distinguished visitors. The comparison between the 150-ton boats of the "A" class when submerged and the 600-ton "E" class will compel attention, and the mind will be able to carry the comparison to the further stage which will be reached in the "F" class of nearly 800 tons, submerged displacement on an extreme length of 175 ft. as against the 100 ft. of the "A" boats, which, although they have not yet reached their teens—the first was laid down in 1902—are already in an obsolescent stage.

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"THE EQUAL BOSS."

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Oppressed, down-trodden woman asserted herself at the Co-operative Congress at Bradford, and registered vehement protest against being considered a mere creature who obeyed her husband.

Mrs. Penny, of Sheffield, began by protesting that there was no woman on the platform in a representative capacity.

"I am not," she said, "a supporter of the rights of women. There are no rights of women, because her rights are the rights of mankind and of humanity. For whatever men are, they are what women have made them. (Laughter and "Hear, hear.") I see a few men shake their heads. Of course, they do not like the feeling that woman is responsible for them. (Laughter.) The only way woman manages man is to allow man to think that he manages himself. (More laughter.)"

What I wish you to understand is that women ought to be better treated than they are in the co-operative movement, for the simple reason that without them there would be no co-operative movement. (Cheers.) I believe in man being the boss in his own house, and I believe in woman being the equal boss. (Laughter.)

"A man is not worthy of respect if he regards woman as he does the kitchen dresser, as a thing that he can always find in the same place, a thing that he can always find in the dark if he wants to."

"I have never heard anything truer than the saying: 'Man is but clay, and woman makes a mug of him.' (Loud laughter.) I do not mean that in a flippant sense. I do not want preferential treatment for women, but they should stand side by side with men in this movement and in everything else."

Mr. Burn, a West London delegate, considered that woman had no disabilities in the co-operative movement. "What, he asked, is the experience at our meetings? The husband puts a bit of string on his wife's arm. She comes side by side with her husband without having the courage to break the string."

A woman delegate (indignantly): "Never, never! (Loud laughter and cheers.)"

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